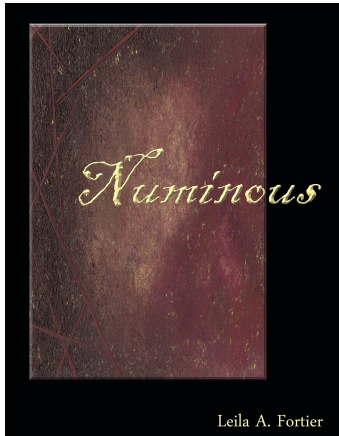


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~ Diane Frank, *Author of Yoga of the Impossible*



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